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Please charge our Deposit Account No. 04-1105 in the amount of \$510.00 covering the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(a)(2). The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our

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